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REPORT OF MOQUI SUBAGENCY.

NAVAJO AGENCY,

Fort Defiance, Ariz., August 22, 1893.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following annual report of the Moqui Indians: Condition.—The Moquis are a pueblo tribe, and, being of an unusually provident nature for Indians, their condition is much better than it might otherwise be. Their peach crop, a source of considerable income, is an entire failure this season, and the crop of corn will not be more than about half the usual amount.

Habits.—These Indians are generally of thrifty, industrious, provident habits, and show improvement from instruction and example of their white neighbors. The interior of their dwellings appear clean and well kept.

Disposition.—The Moquis are of a mild, peaceful, kind disposition, well disposed towards all persons, especially the whites.

Agriculture.—The crops of fruit and corn of the Moquis will be very much below the average this season, owing to blight and a very dry spring.

A number of wells have been opened on the Moqui Reservation during the past year, by means of a Government well-boring machine. These will greatly assist the Moquis in watering and increasing the amount of their crops in future.

Education.—The Government school at Kean's Canyon was well attended during the school year. I did not have an opportunity to visit the school while in session, but it bore the reputation of being the best Indian school in the West. Mr. Collins, as superintendent, assisted by his wife, accomplished a great deal of good work which is very apparent in the bright, intelligent pupils seen in the villages.

Missionary work.—The Rev. H. R. Voth, superintendent of missions of the Mennonite Church, has recently commenced work among the Moquis, locating at the Oraibi village. From his success with other tribes I have no doubt that he will do a good work with the Moquis.

Allotments.—Special Agent Mayhugh has been at work making allotments of land in severalty to the Moqui Indians. I have had an opportunity to make only one hurried visit to the Moqui Reservation and can not make any report as to the condition or working of this plan; doubtless a full report will be made by Mr. Mayhugh.

Recommendations.—I know so little of this tribe that I am not prepared to make any further recommendation than that these people need more attention from their agent. There is a great deal of friction between the Indians and Mormon settlers in the vicinity of Tuba City. The Indians have been promised several times that some one would be sent there to adjust matters, but no one has come and the troubles continue to increase and threaten serious trouble to both races. The presence of the agent would do much toward quieting all concerned, and occasional visits to that distant portion of the tribes would have a very wholesome effect.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. H. PLUMMER,

First Lieutenant-Tenth Infantry, Acting Agent.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY, NAVAJO RESERVATION.

WHITEHALL, August 21, 1893.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your inquiry concerning the appropriations and expenditures of our Church among the Navajos, will say that the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church appropriated for our work \$4,000 for school and chapel buildings, and \$2,000 for current expenses. About \$1,000 of the former was expended in improvements besides the amount for current expenses for 1892-'93. It has also a fund specially contributed for further work among them of \$2,000 still unexpended.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Church, on the San Juan, also expends between \$1,000 and \$2,000 annually for the support of that work. The exact amount you may ascertain from the missionary, Mrs. Eldredge, Jewett, N. Mex.

The church expected to inaugurate a vigorous work at Red Lake, but on account of the failure of that enterprise has been somewhat discouraged. The bishop of our Montana Conference has deemed it wise for me to return to my former work there, and I have been assigned presiding elder of the Bozeman district. I am afraid that the Church will consider the uncertainty of title a very serious obstruction to permanent work among the Navajos, and unless it can be assured of more favorable opportunities will fail to prosecute the vigorous work it contemplated.

Appreciating your kindnesses to my family and myself personally,

I remain, yours truly,

Lieut. E. H. PLUMMER,

Acting Agent, Navajo Agency.

Superintendent Navajo Indian Mission Methodist Episcopal Church.

F. A. RIGGON,

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